

Southern Virginia Notes

Since our last report the meeting at Piny Hill, Pittsylvania Co. has closed. There were a multitude of hindrances, but God gave us a considerable victory. Fifteen were added to the church and there was much rejoicing among the Lord's children. The meeting closed with a communion service, the first in this county for our people. It was well attended and had an influence for good. If this field is faithfully worked it will produce an abundant harvest for the Lord and church. From here we go to Montgomery Co., where we will continue the battle for Jesus. Pray for us and that the Lord may bless the mission upon which we go.

J. S. BOWMAN.

Communion Notices

The North Solomon Valley Brethren church will hold their feast on the evening of Sept. 16, 1899. All of like precious faith are invited to come and enjoy the meeting with us. We do especially invite ministering brethren to come and assist in the service. Brethren will kindly remember this congregation in their prayers.

G. J. WOLTERS, Pastor.

There will be communion services in the Fair Haven church in Wayne county, Ohio, on Saturday evening September 16, to open at 6 o'clock. All who are sound in the faith of the gospel as practiced in the Brethren church are cordially invited to be with us. By order of the church. P. J. BROWN.

Homes for the Homeless

Since our call thru the EVANGELIST for a home for an orphan boy we have had a number of homes opened for us. You all no doubt will rejoice with us when we tell you we have placed him in the home of brother E. J. Worst, Ashland, Ohio. We have several more good homes that are open for children at present. Now we know of no better way than to ask for boys to fill those homes. Please send me their names, age, complexion, color of eyes, and the information you can furnish; also please send us a number of pictures. We are obliged to use the picture gallery in the place of an orphan's home, in this way we hope to be able to supply some of the homeless with good Christian homes.

T. C. LESLIE.

To the Members of Kanemorado Conference

We are nearing the time of our next conference. It will be held at Hamlin, Kans., Sept. 20-23, inclusive. Our program will soon be in the hands of the printer and would have been before now but the necessary information from the district was slow coming in for which reason it is also not as full as I would like, but full enough to have the best conference we have ever had if we all faithfully work to that end. Every congregation in our district should take a deep interest in it. Some members say, "They can not see much use in conferences." To all such I would say, come and be with us at this conference and enjoy it. See and hear

for yourselves. It will give you new inspiration. The sunrise prayer meetings alone are more than worth your time and money. It will be the means of making you much more useful as a worker in the Master's vineyard. We ought to meet at least once a year to confer together and arrange the work for the coming year. Our old soldiers meet in their reunions for social purposes which proves to them a source of great pleasure. Dear brethren and sisters, as soldiers of Jesus Christ, we need reunions for social purposes. It will do us good. And then, we need good planning to do good work. We want your presence and help as well as your prayers to do the best work. We number more than a regiment in our conference district. How many will answer to the roll call at our coming conference at Hamlin, Kans. Our number can only be swelled by your presence. Our Father will be there, his Son our Savior will be there, the Holy Spirit will be there. We have their promise they are sure to be there if we assemble in the name of Jesus. Come, let us have a large attendance and a good time. Do not stay away because your name may not appear on the program. Your presence is needed to help carry out the program with other business not outlined.

To all whose names appear on the program in the EVANGELIST I would say, go to work at once and do the best you can with the part assigned you. It will be best to prepare a paper. You whose names appear on the program for discussion are not expected to prepare papers, but fill yourselves brim full with your subject. You are expected to add to and discuss the merits and demerits of what the papers contain, and in a general way make the subject more impressive. Dear brethren and sisters, let me entreat you to be present at this conference. Our earnest prayer should be that God may bless it with his presence and power. C. FORNEY.

Our Dead

BOYER.—Vernie Boyer was born May 25, 1899, died August 23, 1899, aged 2 months and 28 days. Funeral by the writer from II Cor. 5:1.

Lovely Vernie, how brief thy stay!
Short and hasty was thy day;
Ending soon thy journey here,
Pain and grief no more to bear.

Hard it is for thee to part,
For it rends the aching heart;
But an heir of glory's gone;
Let the will of God be done.

Pillowed on the Savior's breast,
Sweetly sleep, and softly rest;
Soon the morning shall restore
Sweet little Vernie we now deplore.

ASHER.—Nelson Asher was born March 30, 1899, died August 23, 1899, aged 69 years, 4 months and 23 days. He united with the church in the year of 1875, and lived a consistent Christian life. In the death of Brother Asher the church has lost a good member, and the community has lost a good citizen, and the children have lost a kind father, and Sister Asher has lost a loving husband, but in his death, what is earth's loss is heaven's gain. Funeral by the writer from Rev. 14:13. M. S. WHITE.

CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

2 Tim. 1:1-12

Topic Sept. 17.

Confidence is another word for faith and faith is the great power by which we lay hold on things unseen. A little girl climbed to a dangerous place on the wall and could not get down. Her father came along and holding out his arms told her to jump. She did so because she had confidence in his power and willingness to receive her safely. Just so we are told to have faith in God who loves us and whose powerful, willing arms are stretched out to receive us. "He is able to save to the uttermost all them that come unto God by him" said Paul of the Savior and Jesus himself said, "No man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

If we believed God we would not say "I will not join church for fear I cannot hold out" or "I will not teach a class or take part in meeting lest I fail," or "I will not try to quit this bad habit because I cannot quit." God gives us power to do his will and if we do our part we shall say triumphantly "I can do all things thru Christ who strengtheneth me" and "neither principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come nor height nor depth nor any other creature is able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus." The scriptures of this lesson ought to inspire us to great faith for high attainment in our own lives and in fruitfulness in Christ.

SCRIPTURE HELP

- 1 He is able, 2 Tim. 1:12.
- 2 He is willing, John 3:16.
- 3 All may come, Rev. 22:17.
- 4 Special comfort for the lost, Luke 5:32.
- 5 He is with his workers, Matt. 28:20.
- 6 He is ever the same, Heb. 13:8.
- 7 The spirit is stronger than the flesh, Gal. 5:16, 17.
- 8 He bids us be friends, John 15:15-16.
- 9 Come boldly, Heb. 4:16.
- 10 Testimony as to Jesus' power and divinity, Col. 2:9; Matt. 3:17; John 6:27; 1 Tim. 3:16.
- 11 What Jesus is to us—Savior, 1 John 3:5; Acts 4:12; sanctifier, John 17:19; healer, Matt. 8:17; coming Lord, Acts 1:11.
- 12 If we abide, John 15:7.

Repeat together, Heb. 10:35

QUESTIONS

1. What is confidence?
2. Name four results of confidence, Rom. 5:5; Eph. 3:11, 12; 1 Thes. 2:19; 2 Thes. 2:16.
3. What lesson of confidence may we learn from the disciples? Luke 5:1-6.
4. What lesson of confidence may we learn from the palsied man? Matt. 9:1-8.
5. What lesson of confidence may we learn from the centurion, Matt. 8:5-13.
6. What lesson of confidence may we learn from the thief on the cross? Luke 23:39-43.
7. How may we increase our confidence?
8. What results if we lose confidence?
9. How is confidence tested?
10. In what ways do we often show lack of confidence and why?
11. How is true confidence shown?
12. In what should we have confidence in Christ?

C. F. YODER.

Matrimonial

BLUE—BLACK.—Miss Henrietta Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Black, and Mr. John Blue, son of brother and sister H. M. Blue, were united in marriage by the writer, at the home of the bride's parents near South Haven, Kansas, August 27, 1899. There were about fifty guests present. The presents were nice and also very useful. A sumptuous dinner was served. The young couple start out in life with their many friends. May the light of the Son of Righteousness illuminate their pathway. L. G. WOOD.